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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, BM
SUBJECT: EXECUTION OF OHN KYAW MYINT

REF: (A) 77 RANGOON 2551; (B) 76 RANGOON 2336
AND OTHERS

1. ACCORDING TO REPORTS CIRCULATING IN RANGOON, CONVICTED COUP
PLOTTER CAPTAIN OHN KYAW MYINT WAS EXECUTED BY HANGING ON MAY 19.

2. OHN KYAW MYINT'S CONVICTION STEMMED FROM HIS PARTICIPATION
IN THE SO-CALLED "CAPTAIN'S PLOT" OF 1976 WHICH REPORTEDLY
PLANNED TO SEIZE PRESIDENT NE WIN AT MINGLADON AIRPORT AND TURN

OVER THE GOVERNMENT TO THEN GENERAL TIN OO. FIVE OTHER
DEFENDENTS WERE CONVICTED (INCLUDING GEN. TIN OO, WHO
APPARENTLY WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PLOT) BUT ONLY OHN KYAW
MYING WAS GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE. ALL SENTENCES WERE
APPEALED, BUT THE APPEALS WERE REJECTED BY THE CENTRAL COURT
IN 1977.

3. OHN KYAW MYINT HAD SOUGHT ASYLUM IN THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE IN JULY 1976 WHEN HE REALIZED THE COUP PLOT HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED, BUT WE WERE, OF COURSE, UNABLE TO OFFER HIM ASYLUM.

4. THE FAMILY OF OHN KYAW MYINT WAS REPORTEDLY INFORMED OF THE
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EXECUTION THREE DAYS AFTER HIS DEATH. THE BURMESE GOVERNMENT
CONTROLLED PRESS HAS NOT PUBLISHED THE FACT OF HIS EXECUTION,
AND PROBABLY WILL NOT DO SO. THERE HAD EARLIER BEEN SOME HOPE
THAT EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY WOULD BE EXERCISED TO SPARE OHN KYAW
MYINT.
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